

Press Release

GO-AHEAD Association carries out activities to raise awareness on human rights, gender equality, access to education for students and teachers, in Neamț and Suceava counties

The "EDURIGHTS4GIRLS - Equal access to education" project aims to change the perspective in the educational area, through personal development programs for girls, with medium-term impact in increasing self-esteem and combating gender stereotypes, the number of graduates in the long run in improve these problems at the level of Romanian society. Romania ranks first in the European Union in the number of births among adolescents. Neamț and Suceava counties are 2 counties with high risk of poverty and social exclusion in which, in 2018, according to INS, there were reported 18 cases of mothers under 15.

The objective of the project aims to increase the capacity on the level of awareness and application of human rights, especially those related to gender issues and access / right to education through specific measures of personal development, counseling, therapy that benefit at least 480 students and 210 staff teachers from 14 schools in Neamț and Suceava counties, as well as extensive awareness, monitoring, advocacy actions that benefit over 2000 people - students, parents, teachers, actors from the communities concerned.

The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of the level of awareness and enforcement of human rights, especially those related to gender issues and access/ right to education through specific measures of personal development, counseling, therapy that benefit at least 480 female students and 210 teachers from 15 educational units in Neamț and Suceava counties, as well as extensive awareness, monitoring, advocacy actions that benefit over 2000 people - students, parents, teachers, members of the targeted communities. Project implemented by the GO-AHEAD Association in partnership with Neamț County School Inspectorate and Suceava School Association for Education and Development with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, programme funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The project had a total eligible value of EUR 248,853.72 and was implemented over a period of 24 months, from 01.03.2021 to 28.02.2023.

The objectives of the project are:

Improving the institutional capacity of 14 educational units in Suceava and Neamț counties for the implementation and monitoring of national and international policies / recommendations / strategies on gender equality and gender-based violence and the right to education for girls through research, monitoring, watchdog and awareness activities carried out over a period of 2 years.

Increasing the level of information, awareness, specific education on human rights and combating gender discrimination of over 2600 people in Neamț and Suceava counties: 3300 hours of personal development, therapy, counseling for 480 students from vulnerable groups and mostly from rural areas, 336 hours of personal development and therapy for 201 teachers, campaigns and events for 2000 people (parents, teachers, students, community members).

The project aims to:

provide access to specialized services (personal development, counseling, therapy) for 480 girls (15-19 years old) from 14 vocational schools / technological high schools (equally, Neamț and Suceava counties), selected in descending order of vulnerability situations to which they are exposed, intersectional (poverty, high risk of absenteeism, school dropout);

- provide access to specialized services (personal development, therapy) for 210 teachers from the 14 target vocational schools / technological high schools, with priority class masters, in order to raise awareness about gender differences in education, learning how to identify and to manage situations of gender discrimination and subsequently applying the learned methods to their classes;
- a number of: 2000 students, teachers, parents, principals, local community, at least 220 boys, 50 parents, from the 14 associated units / communities sensitized on gender issues, girls access to education through campaigns and events, respectively round tables, research / monitoring / advocacy to increase institutional capacity;
- elaboration of a study on the current situation regarding gender rights and equality, the issue of gender discrimination in Suceava and Neamț, which will have 2 components for the situation of each county;
- organizing 2 events, with 75 participants each (one in Suceava and one in Neamț), to raise awareness, address stereotypes and support / consolidate / extend positive changes in attitudes and practices related to gender equality and violence based on gender.

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About the Active Citizens Fund Romania Program

The Active Citizens Fund Romania program is financed by the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The overall objective of the Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities and to strengthen bilateral relations between the 15 beneficiary states and the donor states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway). The program is administered by the consortium composed of the Foundation for Civil Society Development, the Partnership Foundation, the Resource Center for Roma Communities, the PACT Foundation and Frivillighet Norge, which acts as a Fund Operator designated by the FMO - Grants Financial Mechanism Office EEA and Norway. Active Citizens Fund Romania aims to strengthen civil society and active citizenship and increase the capacity of vulnerable groups. With a total allocation of EUR 46,000,000, the program aims to

develop the long-term sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector, stepping up its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights while strengthening bilateral relations with donor states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. For more information about Active Citizens Fund in

Romania, please visit www.activecitizensfund.ro. For more information on EEA and Norwegian Grants, please visit www.eeagrants.ro.”

About GO-AHEAD Association

GO-AHEAD Association is a non-governmental organization established in August 2017 whose Mission aims a change at the educational level (equal opportunities for education, social inclusion, increasing the quality of the educational act). An authorized provider of training, information and

professional counseling, GO AHEAD Association supports PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT and aims an INNOVATIVE CONCEPT to improve educational, professional and personal results.

We actively promote quality education emphasizing the importance of developing socio-emotional skills and integrating technology into the formal and non-formal educational process through training activities dedicated to adults, teachers and future counselors, respectively through counseling activities and the development of socio-emotional skills dedicated to children.

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